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Police believe alcohol factor in fatal crash

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CHARGES An alleged drunk driver involved in a crash in which a woman in her early 20s was killed Monday night is facing several charges and more may be on the way.

Just before 11 p.m. on the 7100 block of Glenmore Trail, a man behind the wheel of a Chevrolet Cavalier was attempting to pass another vehicle when he hit the concrete median, spinning around and rolling into the ditch on his roof, killing his front seat passenger and sending two others to hospital with severe injuries.

One may be paralyzed from the waist down.

While police are still waiting for blood toxicology tests on the man because he was also injured in the crash, they believe he was under the influence.

Rick Rene Chipilski, 32, of Calgary faces six impaired driving offences and more may be pending, Marklund added.

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Even though it's not quite the ocean sea, sailors are getting some of the last days of summer in before the cold settles and the ice flows. With the week looking to be in the mid 20s a lot of Calgarians are enjoying the weather.

Drug transaction leads to charges for two local men

CHARGES A simple drug transaction led police to three homes and a resulting vehicle in numerous drug traffickmen last week.

Police also seized 361 grams of cocaine, a collapsible baton, \$54,000 in cash and a replica hand1 Staff Sgt. Joel Matthews.

Ryan Robert Ross, 36, both of Calgary face various drug charges.

Riding it out

Calgary bucks U.S. market crisis

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Calgarians shouldn't worry themselves into drastic decisions in the aftermath of the U.S. market crisis, according to a city senior economist.

While many people the overreact or make across country worried

are drastic changes." Todd Hirsch, economist

about the effects the crashing American economy may have on Canada, Calgarians are no different.

Todd Hirsch, a senior economist for ATB Financial, told Metro current situation is "concerning," but will only indirectly affect Calgarians.

"I'm never a believer in worrying. People shouldn't overreact or make any drastic changes.'

Hirsch says while most people won't be directly impacted, Alberta will feel consequences.

"A lot of the province's trade relies on the U.S. so there will be an impact on the province," Hirsch said, adding oil prices have already plummeted to the \$90 a barrel range.

That doesn't ease the fears of some Calgarians who believe Canada might be heading for a recession. "It scares me. I think our

economy damn "People shouldn't closely tied to the American

market," June Simpson said. Homeown-

er Maryanne Bishop worries the markets will affect the price of her house, which she was set to sell. "The housing market is already slowing down and I'm worried what this will do to it, now.'

Lai Sing Louie, Calgary market analyst for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation said while it's a buyer's market, the U.S. economy won't have much more affect on it. "The situation is really impacting credit rates across the world so lenders are a bit more cautious. But for Calgary this is a cycle and only a year ago it was a seller's market," he said.

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gun, according to district

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Local



Toopy and Binoo in town

Popular kids television characters Toopy & Binoo are at Sunridge Mall today in the northeast during their tour. The characters will perform free live shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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More downtown office space set to hit market: Report

VACANCY RATE Available office space in downtown Calgary may be easier to come across, according to a report released yesterday by CB Richard Ellis Ltd.

The report said that in the back half of 2009 nearly a quarter-million square feet of new space will become available and with another 4.9 million square feet set to hit the market by 2011, the downtown vacancy rate is expected to hit 11 per cent early in 2012.

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What's online today.

Watch a report on the annual homeless art exhibit that was ordered removed from the walls of the Harry Hays building, and another on how green has become the theme at a funeral director's trade show currently being held in Calgary at www.metronews.ca/local

Blind love put to the test

CANDICE WARD for Metro Calgary

No first date, no first kiss, and no meeting the parents — at least not before the wedding.

One of Calgary's newest radio stations, Energy 101.5 FM, is out there to prove that love is truly blind with their theory — 2 Strangers and a Wedding "Nice to meet you...I do."

"This is not a cheesy radio promotion, this is not a stunt, this is a social experiment," said program director Rob Mise.

The station is encouraging men and women in Calgary who have been unsuccessful in finding love and genuinely desire to be married to apply.

"We are not saying caller six wins a wedding," said Mise, adding they want to find the perfect love connection.

Although there will be no exchange of livestock in this untraditional arranged



Energy 101.5 FM Morning Show's Freeway Frank, Meg and the show's producer Ian pose with a possible bride and groom for their social experiment — 2 Strangers and a Wedding.

marriage, the station is taking this possible union seriously and taking precautions to ensure the safety of all parties involved including an extensive screening process and lie detector test.

Many aspects of the radio courtship will remain confidential, such as the identities of each potential bride and groom.

The wedding date has been set for Oct. 30, 2008.

Bronze horses heading for Stampede Park

SCULPTURE The Calgary
Stampede unveiled plans
for a spectacular new Western bronze sculpture, in
hopes of it becoming one
the most photographed
and largest sculptures in
North America.

"By the Banks of the Bow" is a 1,250-square-foot bronze statue that portrays two cowboys herding their 15 horses across the Bow River.

"It will be a place where people will come to have their wedding photos taken," said George Brookman, president for the Calgary Stampede.

Local artists Richard Roenisch and Bob Spaith have been slated to tackle the \$2 million project, which has been funded entirely by an anonymous donor.

The sculpture will be ready for installation in early 2010 and will take its home just south of the Corral in the heart of Stampede Park.

FOR METRO CALGARY









RCMP seek man wanted in murder

Study puts faces to numbers

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They sleep under bridges, on park benches and in the bushes.

They prefer jail time over paying hefty fines and they're moving out of the downtown core and into more residential neighbourhoods in search of invisibility.

Their female ranks are growing, but they're mostly Caucasian men between 25 and 44 years old, more than half of them have jobs and they live on the streets by choice.

"The number one thing they want people to know, when we asked if there was one message we could give Calgary about you, it was that 'I'm human,'" said Voices from the Street co-author Leann Hackman-Carty.

The qualitative study was released yesterday by a consortium of Calgary's homeless assistance agencies and was conducted May 14, interviewing 338 homeless in an effort to put faces and voices to numbers



Walter French has been on the city's streets for three years now because rents have increased too much for him to afford. He is one of thousands of Calgarians who can't afford rent.

Mandy Loates, 30, a third-year University of Calgary nursing student who volunteered to help conduct the study, said it changed her life.

"It was an incredibly eye opening experience to see some of the conditions these people are living in," said Loates. "Pregnant women, children, there was some really cool stories, but there's also a lot of shocking things going on out there and you can't help but be touched by it."

Loates said now that

she's looked Calgary's homeless in the face, she's going to try her best to make eye-contact and not cross the street when she encounters a homeless person, like she used to, something the study hoped to accomplish.



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Elections in Alberta may be set for an overhaul

Lorne Gibson, Alberta's chief electoral officer, made 180 recommendations yesterday, from fixed election dates to more staff at polling stations. METRO CALGARY



Riding: Calgary **Centre-North**

PROFILE Former Prime Minister Joe Clark won the riding in 2000, regaining the seat held by the Tories from 1968 to 1993, which had been in Reform hands from 1993 on. Significant Chinese and Italian populations make up much of the 18 per cent immigrant population of the riding, whose average family income is \$70,223, derived mainly from the service sector.

The riding is home to 114,615 Calgarians.



Name: Jim Prentice Age: 52 Party: Tories **Quote:** "I don't take anything for granted and I make a point of living by Peter Lougheed's advice: treat every election like you're losing by four votes."

Job: MP, Industry minister



Name: Doug Dokis **Age:** N/A Party: First Peoples National Party of Canada **Quote:** "It is my belief that we, as Aboriginal peoples, must continue the process of healing, while at the same time provide guidance and support to those who will come behind us." Job: N/A

Name: Doug James **Age:** 62 **Party:** Liberal Quote: "I have nothing personally against Jim Prentice, he's going to be very difficult to defeat, but he gives credibility to a party that I, and most average Canadians, don't trust or agree with whatsoever."

Job: Retired pipeline engi-

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Name: John Chan Age: 51 Party: NDP Quote: "Our message is resonating with average everyday people who are working harder and harder to get by, but they're not getting ahead, especially in Calgary where housing prices are painfully high ... the only thing that hasn't gone up is their wages." **Job:** Compliance Inspector with Alberta Environment



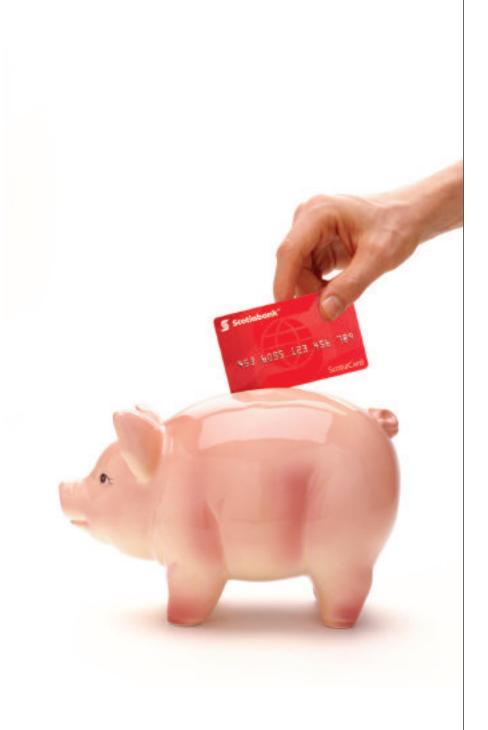
Name: Eric Donovan Age: 48 Party: Green Party **Quote:** "Our future quality of life in Canada will be better if we lead, rather than follow, on environmental issues." **Job:** Associate professor, University of Calgary



Edmonton Suspicious death



Edmonton Forensic crews investigate the scene were a young man was found dead early yesterday morning in a construction area in Edmonton. The body was still visible on school grounds when parents were dropping off their children for class.



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N.B. death confirmed as result of listeriosis

An elderly New Brunswick woman is the 17th person whose death has been linked to the same strain of the bacteria that caused a countrywide recall of Maple Leaf Food products, health officials confirmed yesterday.

Canada



Alberta fifth in health care

Alberta's health care system finished fifth in the inaugural Canada Health Consumer Index released yesterday. The index is based on measurements such as wait times, health outcomes and value for spending. Newfoundland finished last, despite spending the second most dollars per person. Ontario finished first overall based on the set of consumer-oriented indicators. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Teen shot outside school U.S. bumps back Khadr trial war crimes The U.S. milicomplaints that the government of the complaints that the government of the complaints of the complaints that the government of the complaints of the complaints that the government of the complaints of the

critical condition in hospital after he was shot outside a Toronto high school, yesterday.

According to Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, the 16year-old was involved in an altercation "with a number of young men" when one pulled out a gun, fired and hit Taimone Moore in the abdomen.

By the time police arrived, Moore had fled inside before collapsing in a pool of blood in the main hallway. Blair said the teen was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital with life threatening injuries and is now listed in critical condition.

Dozens of students witnessed the brazen attack.

A person of interest was taken into custody for ques-



18-year-old Stephanie Hendrie is reunited with her mother Heather yesterday afternoon outside of a Toronto high school that was in lockdown mode after an afternoon shooting of a student.

tioning around 4:30 p.m., but police have not released the name of the suspect.

males were involved in the ing sought by police. fight and ran away after

At least three other the shooting. They are be-

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WAR CRIMES The U.S. mili-complaints that the govtary has reset the Guan-

tanamo war-crimes tribunal of Canadian Omar Khadr for Nov. 10, meaning his murder trial will be delayed until after elections in Canada and the United States.

Omar Khadr's tri- Omar Khadr al was scheduled to begin on Oct. 8, but a military judge postponed it this month amid defence

ernment failed to turn over evidence.

The November trial date was announced yesterday for the Toronto-born Khadr, who was 15 when captured after a firefight at a suspected al-Qaida compound

Afghanistan and acof throwing a cused

grenade that killed a U.S. soldier. REUTERS

News in brief

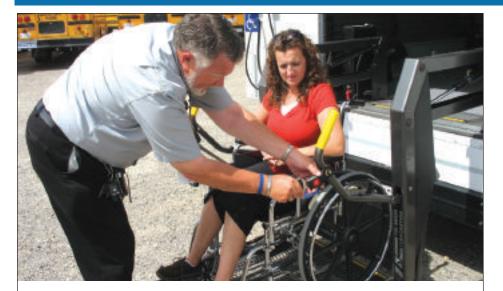
SOLDIERS CLEARED Canadian soldiers involved in the shooting deaths of two Afghan children near Kandahar in July did nothing wrong and followed proper procedures, a military police investigation concluded yesterday.

CAT KILLED Someone set a cat on fire, killing it in Lower Sackville, N.S., RCMP said yesterday. RCMP said a man was awakened by a bright flash and saw that it was a cat on fire. The RCMP are investigating.

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Edmonton teens attack senior

Two Edmonton teens were arrested after they allegedly attacked a senior to steal his car in the city's northend yesterday. METRO CANADA





Jeff Gilchrist played an integral role in an international team that discovered the largest prime number ever recorded. It has 12.9 million digits.

Canadian student hits prime time

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A Carleton University PhD student has played a key role in the recent discovery of the world's largest-known prime num-

An international team called the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search of which Ottawa's Jeff Gilchrist is a member — discovered the 12.9 milliondigit number Aug. 23.

Gilchrist, 32, independently verified the number using one of the university's supercomputers over 16

It is the first prime number — a number that can only be equally divided by the number one and itself ever discovered with more than 10 million digits and qualifies for the Electronic Frontier Foundation Computing Cooperative Award of \$100,000 U.S.

"It's very exciting for

"In the mathematical world, this is like an Olympic event where everyone is trying to beat the record."

Jeff Gilchrist

me," said Gilchrist, who is studying systems and computer engineering at Carleton University.

"In the mathematical world, this is like an Olympic event where everyone is trying to beat the last

Discovered by a computing manager at the University of California, the new largest-known prime number — written in shorthand as 243,112,609-1 — beats the last record of 9.8 million digits by more than 3 million digits.

The new record has wiped out six other-record breaking prime numbers that Gilchrist has helped to

"This number's important because it breaks the 10-million barrier," Gilchrist. "It's a big deal in the mathematical world.

"To get an idea of how large this number really is, if you printed all of the digits in a book, it would be over 3,200 pages long," he said. "That would fill the majority of the Harry Potter series of books. I find it fascinating that a number with over 12 million digits cannot be equally divided by another number except one and itself."

In itself, this particular number is not important.

"It's more to see what computers are capable of doing with extremely large numbers," said Gilchrist. "Prime numbers are used in some computer security systems. Some cryptographic algorithms are used for Internet security and e-commerce relies on the difficulty of finding large prime numbers," he said.



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News in brief

TRUCKERS The RCMP are appealing to truckers across North America to help in their investigation of the death of a man on the Trans-Canada Highway in western Manitoba on the weekend, CBC News reported. RCMP Staff Sqt. Moe Massart said investigators believe several truckers may have run over the man without realizing it. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The search is now on for the first vehicle who may have struck the man. Massart said police want to talk to the driver to determine what happened.

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Bail unlikely for Toronto man

along with a

were charged

obstructing

police

who was arrested after a he was led away in hand-

hospital standoff over the care of his severely malnourished 9-month-old baby will appear in • The unmarcourt this morning ried couple, for a bail hearing.

But his chances of female friend, getting out of jail as the baby's moth- Sunday with er did Monday could be more difficult because the

Crown has said it will not called Moorish Science consent to his release.

The 36-year-old father appeared briefly court, but

HEALTH The Toronto man his case was put over. As

cuffs, he yelled that authorities are trying to break apart my family."

> The infant's 22vear-old vegan mother also appeared in court and was granted \$2,500 bail.

The couple belong to an obscure religious Temple of America, which

prefers homeopathic medicine. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Elections Canada used about 550 tonnes of election materials in the 2006 election, including ballot boxes, forms, training manuals and signs. **ELECTIONS CANADA**

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Don't fear majority: PM

Harper says strong mandate would allow him to run his legislative agenda

Stephen Harper is suggesting that his next government — even if it is a minority as he predicts — would govern as if it had a majority when it comes to issues of the economy and crime.

At a roundtable discussion yesterday with about 30 ethnic media reporters from the Greater Toronto Area, Harper was asked to comment on the day's events — including bad economic news stemming from the U.S. and a shooting at a Toronto school.

Though he declined to comment on the school shooting, Harper delivered a defence of his party's position on gun crime that veered into how he would approach the next Parlia-



Two girls don't appear to be paying attention yesterday as Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at the St. Volodymyr cultural centre in Oakville, Ont.

He suggested that while a majority is not to be expected, it is also not to be feared.

In any event, he made

clear a stronger mandate would give him permission to run his legislative agenda as he sees fit.

"The other parties do not

believe in tougher laws jority. I'm running to get a against criminals," Harper said. "That's why we need a

strong mandate. And I "In a time of can tell you, if I get a man- economic date, includ- uncertainty, I do ing a minority mandate, we are not needs a strong govgoing to be as tolerant of obstruction of this," Stephen Harper Harper said.

Asked how a majority government would change his approach, Harper for the first time appeared to open the door to a possible majority win.

He said polls "all show us in the lead," but not all the surveys show the Conservatives winning a majority.

"I'm not predicting a ma-

strong mandate."

But Harper then took a new tack on the message

of economic stability that he has been pushing since think the country the election began, saying he won't tolernment that is erate "saboable to govern." taging" of the government's economic

agenda either.

"In a time of economic uncertainty, I do think the country needs a strong government that is able to gov-TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election



Justin Trudeau

Separatist group targets Trudeau

CAMPAIGN Justin Trudeau has been chosen as enemy No. 1 by a separatist group in Quebec. The Young Patriots of Quebec - which describes itself as an activist group of "indépendantistes" from ages 7 to 77 and which also demonstrates frequently for the primacy of French language rights — yesterday launched its campaign against Trudeau, a star Liberal candidate for the Montreal riding of Papineau.

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Heard on the Street: Do we need this federal election?

From Metro newsrooms across Canada



McElligot age 21, Calgary

A: Going from one minority to another doesn't seem very productive and I can think of a lot of better ways to spend my time instead of paying attention to this election, which isn't going to change anything.



Teri Freeman age 24, Calgary

A: I think this whole thing is kind of a waste of time. Everybody knows how they're going to vote anyway and nothing come up so far that's going to change anyone's mind.



Jed Teigen Calgary

A: I don't think so because I'm not sure what Stephen (Harper) thinks he's going accomplish here.



Roger Leborgne age 43, Halifax

A: I think we need to get rid of Stephen Harper. Just because I don't like his way of doing business. Nothing personal.



Marie-Eve Claudia age 26, Ottawa

A: It's hard to tell if the population is satisfied with the present government. election will confirm if the government is moving in the right direction or if people want changes.

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Claudia **Bonifav** Montreal

A: Yes. I want some changes in Ottawa. The campaign should longer though so we have the time to know what the parties have to say and to make a clear choice.



Goralewski age 22, Toronto

A: Not really. Because it doesn't seem like much has changed since the last one and I think it will be the exact same thing in the next one (a minority government).



Vern **Dolinsky** age 30, Edmonton

A: I think it is necessary thev cause haven't really been accomplishing much in Parliament. It's just a chance to reset everything and start from scratch.



Danielle Behan age 24, Vancouver

A: Yeah. With gas prices and everything, I think it's getting kind of ridiculous. I don't think the Conservatives are very focused on that.



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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion waves to supporters with wife Janine Krieber and Toronto Centre MP Bob Rae prior to a press conference yesterday in Halifax.

Dion pledges better medication plan

serious illness should ever have to go into debt or sell their home to cover their medication, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday in Halifax.

Dion yesterday nounced a program for catastrophic drug coverage worth \$900 million over four years. The proposed plan would be in addition to programs already offered by such provinces as Ontario and Quebec.

"We believe that no Canadian should have to choose between taking a drug they need and paying for their other basic needs,' Dion said at a campaign stop. "Unfortunately, this is too often the case today, especially in the Atlantic provinces."

Dion said people with

High cost of treatment

- Treatments for serious lifethreatening or chronic illnesses are prohibitively expen-
- The average drug treatment for kidney cancer costs between \$6,000 to \$7,000 per month.
- A standard course of treatment of colorectal cancer costs \$40,000 to \$60,000.

cancer, diabetes, arthritis and other serious illnesses should focus on getting better, not on worrying about their finances.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dion later announced a four-year, \$420-million plan to address Canada's pressing need for more doctors and nurses, including providing financial assistance

- Medication for rheumatoid arthritis costs about \$20,000 per year.
- Drug coverage in Canada varies from province to province. For instance, kidney cancer patients in some provinces pay out of pocket for some of their new drug treatments, but costs in British Columbia are covered.

to foreign-trained doctors. Patient advocates and health professionals expressed cautious approval of the drug coverage program. Patient groups agree a national plan is long overdue, said Colleen Savage, president of the grassroots Cancer Advocacy Coalition of Canada.

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News in brief

HOUSING Conservative Leader Stephen Harper pulled another election goodie out of his campaign bag, a tax credit on expenses of up to \$5,000 for first-time home buyers. Harper unveiled details of the tax break that would apply to the extra costs of closing a home purchase — one, he said, would save families up to \$750 and create jobs in the construction industry.

DETOUR Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's campaign plane had to make an unscheduled landing in Montreal after taking off from Sherbrooke last night. "We are having a slight problem and we have to land in Montreal," was all the pilot had to say.

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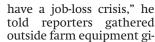
Layton plans full review of Canadian banking regulations

ECONOMY NDP Leader Jack have a job-loss crisis," he Layton kept the spotlight on the economy yesterday,

charging Stephen Harper's stay-thecourse strategy was failing workers, especially in Ontario.

Layton took his tour yesterday to several manufacturing plants in the Niagara, Ont., region Jack Layton that have been hit by job losses.

"It's not just here in Welland. It's in London, it's in Oshawa, it's in St. Catharines, it's in St. Thomas, it's in Windsor. ... Right through the economic heartland of Ontario we



ant Deere & Co., which will close its Welland plant next year, putting 800 employees out of work. Calling the U.S. credit crisis a "wakeup call," Layton said he would launch a full review of how the financial service

is regulated in Canada. "Let's face it. We're facing one of the biggest financial shocks that we've seen in an awful long time here in North America and globally," he said.

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Olmert to meet Abbas again on peace: Israel

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Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert agreed at a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas yesterday to hold further peace talks in the coming weeks, even though Olmert will soon stand down as premier. REUTERS

World



U.S. not ready for TV switch

U.S. regulators are unprepared for an expected surge in demand for government help from consumers needing to switch their television sets from analog to digital in February, a government report said yesterday.

Pakistani aircraft strike at militants

craft bombed militant strongholds yesterday, killing 14 insurgents, and a suicide car-bomber atsecurity forces, killing three soldiers, military officials said.

The violence came as the top U.S. military officer, rived in Pakistan, where stepped-up U.S. strikes on militants on the Pakistani side of the Afghan border have angered Islamabad and strained relations between the two allies.

U.S. officials say Taliban and al-Qaida-linked fight-

BOMBINGS Pakistani air- Admiral Mike Mullen, ar- ers use ethnic Pashtun tribal regions on the Pakistani side of the border as a springboard for attacks into Afghanistan.

An intensifying insurgency in Afghanistan has raised fears, leading to more cross-border U.S. strikes. REUTERS

Televized video shows kidnapped reporters

Al-Jazeera television vesterday aired a video showing a Canadian and an Australian journalist kidnapped in Somalia last month, and said the pair were appealing to their governments to work for their release.

Canadian Amanda Lindhout, Australian Nigel Brennan and Somali reporter Abdifatah Mohammed Elmi, who was working as their translator, were seized on Aug. 23 by gunmen near Mogadishu.

The video showed Lindhout, wearing a long robe, and her colleague along with armed men. She was speaking to camera but the audio track was not aired.

The television said the kidnappers, calling themselves Mujahideen of Somalia, accused Canada and

Australia of "taking part in the destruction of Somalia" and demanded that they review their policies.

An official for the group **Reporters Without Borders** said last week that the kidnappers were seeking \$2.5 million for the return of the captives.

Somalia's Islamist insurgents have denied being behind the kidnapping.

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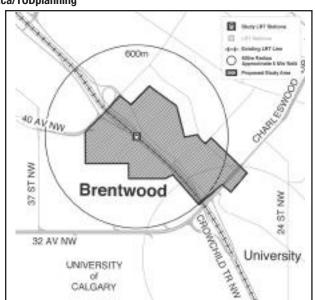
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Dating **Down Underwear**



An Australian postal worker drives in front of a billboard with women dressed in underwear in Sydney. An Australian dating service has been plastering images of single people dressed only in their underwear on billboards across the nation.

Palin may drop **by United Nations**

POLITICS U.S. presidential candidate John McCain may take his running mate Sarah Palin to the United Nations next Tuesday to give her the chance to meet a few world leaders, UN officials said yesterday

Their visit would coincide with President George W. Bush and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's addresses to the 192 UN member states.

REUTERS

News in brief

ECONOMY Venezuelan

President Hugo Chavez took a swipe at Lehman Brothers yesterday, chuckling over the firm's collapse and dismissing its past criticism of the Venezuelan economy. Many investment firms question the strength of the economy, saying it relies too much on oil exports and is failing to attract foreign investment.

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Formula recalled in China

Thousands of mothers from China have flocked to Hong Kong to buy milk powder manufactured overseas, as a tainted milk powder scandal spreads, media said yesterday.

Pharmacies and supermarkets along the rail line linking Hong Kong to the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen experienced "panic buying of overseas milk powder brands", the South China Morning Post reported.

Lau Oi-kwok, chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Pharmacy, said mainland mothers were "restricted to a maximum of three cans at each pharmacy" to ensure supplies wouldn't run out for Hong Kong mothers.

Chinese officials have ordered a nationwide probe into all baby milk powders after hundreds of infants developed kidney stones



A woman gives her grandson water as she waits along with hundreds of other local residents at the headquarters of the Sanlu Group to receive a refund in the city of Shijiazhuang yesterday.

after drinking tainted formula made by the Sanlu group. Two have died.

Twenty percent of Chinese dairy firms probed in the wake of the health

scandal have been found to have produced melaminetainted formula.

Schwarzenegger rejects budget

CALIFORNIA California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said yesterday he would veto the state budget passed by lawmakers early in the morning after a record delay because it fell short of one his key demands, and lawmakers said they are prepared to override his decision.

"Enough is enough," the Republican governor said during a press event broadcast online. "I will veto it."

"It's not a fiscally responsible budget," he added, rebuking Republican lawmakers who voted for it.

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amounts to little more than political theater as the legislature has enough votes to override his veto after passing its bipartisan budget plan, top lawmakers from both parties said. The budget passed easily in both the state Senate and Assembly.

Republican Senate Leader Dave Cogdill said a veto is a "mistake," adding, "I will vote to override the governor's veto, as should every other legislator who approved this budget." The \$104.3 billion budget was set for the fiscal year that began July 1.

News in brief

NORWAY The country's prime minister said yesterday it will donate \$1 billion to Brazil's Amazon protection fund. As the first country to aid the fund, Norway will donate as much as \$130 million next year, but the money will only be handed over if Brazil demonstrates that deforestation in the rainforest was reduced in the previous year.

GEORGIA A group of UN humanitarian agency officials will visit the Georgian separatist enclave of South Ossetia to assess the situation after the country's brief war with Russia last month, the United

Nations said yesterday. The objective of the mission is to gain first-hand knowledge of the humanitarian and human rights situations and needs on the ground.

UNITED NATIONS A former Nicaraguan leftist official became president of the UN General Assembly yesterday, urging that power be given to its broad membership and taken away from the big-powerdominated Security Council. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann called for a "democratization" of the United Nations and sharply attacked the World Bank and IMF.



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Israel picking new leader

The contenders to succeed scandal-hit Israeli Prime **Minister Ehud Olmert** have been working to ensure their supporters turn out today for a party primary election whose result remains in doubt.

Despite polls showing Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni well ahead of Shaul Mofaz in her bid to become Israel's first woman leader since Golda Meir in the 1970s, both camps remained cautious.

"We have people to encourage people to go and vote," one worker said at Livni's campaign headquarters on Tuesday.

At Mofaz's camp, an aide said: "We know everyone.

We know where they live. We will ... find everyone and get to them."

A final poll on Monday showed Livni with 47 percent to Transport Minister Mofaz's 28 percent, with two other candidates trailing, but Mofaz aides echoed the former general's own confident predictions of victory.

cautioned Analysts against reading too much into polls when only about half of 74,000 party members are expected to vote, creating the potential for surprise results. To avoid a runoff vote next week, the winner needs more than 40 percent.

Olmert, facing indict-

PM hopeful

• Shaul Mofaz, who migrated from Tehran as a child in the 1950s, would be the first prime minister not of European origin.

ment for corruption, has said he will step down as premier as soon as Kadima has a new leader.

However, he made clear late on Tuesday that he plans to make use of his right to stay on in a caretaker capacity until his successor as party leader has formed a new coalition government - a process that could take weeks.

South Ossetia Far from home



A South Ossetian woman, who now lives in Siberia, holds a flower on a ferry in Krasnoyarsk during a meeting of victims of the military conflict in South Ossetia yesterday.

News in brief

CUBA Political dialogue with the European Union has resumed following the lifting of diplomatic sanctions against the island nation two months ago. The establishment of formal dialogue cold be the first steps toward normalization of relations between Cuba and the EU, which have been strained since Cuba arrested 75 dissidents in 2003.

Senator fails to overthrow corruption case

COURT Longtime Republican Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska lost a bid Tuesday to dismiss the corruption case against him on the grounds that the indictment infringed upon his constitutional rights as a lawmaker.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan rejected de-

fense arguments for dismissing the indictment on the grounds that the allegations involved Stevens' legislative actions, votes and decisions.

The judge sided with U.S. Justice Department prosecutors, who said protections granted lawmakers under the speech or debate clause of the U.S. Constitution do not cover alleged criminal activity.

Stevens, 84, was indicted July 29 on seven counts of filing false Senate financial disclosure forms by leaving out more than \$250,000 in gifts he received from an Alaska oil services company, the VECO Corp. REUTERS

U.S. woman found guilty of child-sex charges in Australia

MELBOURNE An American woman who flew to Australia and spent 10 days in a caravan park with a 15year-old boy was convicted yesterday of having sex with a minor but released from jail. Barbara Case, 37, from Lyndhurst, Va., had already spent 112 days in

custody after being arrested in May 2007. The judge said further prison time would be too harsh, and ordered her home. Case, who met the Australian boy online, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual penetration of a child un-

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 3. Under the Offer, promotional interest ("Promotional Interest") is the amount of interest to be paid that is in excess of the regular interest paid on each Eligible Account balance. This means that the Promotional annual Interest rate, plus the regular annual interest rate, on an Eligible Account is 3.75%. Promotional Interest will be paid on the portion of the primary account holder's Eligible Account(s) average daily closing balance(s) during the Offer Period that exceed(s) the/their closing balance(s) as at August 31, 2008 (the "Additional Balance"). If an Eligible Account is overdrawn as at August 31, 2008, the August 31, 2008 closing balance is deemed to be zero. If an Eligible Account is opened during the Offer Period, it will earn a combined rate equal to the current Promotional Interest rate plus the current regular interest rate on the average daily closing balance from the date it is opened for the duration of the Offer Period.
- 4. Eligible Accounts will continue to earn regular interest on balances, calculated daily and paid monthly. With the no fee bank account you earn a higher regular rate on higher balances, and with the Interest Plus ou earn a higher regular rate on balances over \$1,000 as well as bonus anniversary interest.
- 5. The Promotional Interest will be paid in December 2008 to the primary account holder's Eligible Account. If a primary account holder holds more than one Eligible Account, at least one of the Eligible Accounts must remain active and in good standing as at November 30, 2008 so that Promotional Interest for all Eligible Accounts held by that account holder may be credited to that account holder's Eligible Account. If a primary account holder holds more than one Eligible Account, the Promotional Interest for each Eligible Account will be aggregated and paid to one Eligible Account in the following sequence:
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St. Lawrence Seaway says union has strike mandate

The company that runs the St. Lawrence Seaway said yesterday its 445 unionized workers had voted in favour of giving their union a strike mandate, but added it hoped to avoid a stoppage. Collective agreement talks start up again on Oct. 6. REUTERS

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Emergency funds flow as investors fret

Feds try to contain bank fallout

Central banks pumped emergency funds into world financial markets for a second day yesterday in an increasingly fraught effort to contain the fallout from the crisis sweeping Wall Street's biggest firms.

But concerted global injections of hundreds of billions of dollars failed to bolster sentiment or prevent a surge in the cost of borrowing between banks, which jumped well beyond the level hit when the global credit crunch first gripped markets in August 2007.

"The banking crisis is not over and we have potentially a difficult few months to get through right to the end of this year," said Padhraic Garvey, head of investment grade strategy at ING.

The interest rate banks demand for lending dollars overnight to other institutions surged above 10 per cent, signaling an escalation of mistrust.

In crisis

- Manulife Financial Corp. said it could acquire AIG's variable annuity business and other lines if the troubled insurer sells them
- BCE Inc. shares have dropped 9 per cent this week as investors worried that funding for the company's \$34.8-billion buyout may fall apart
- Sun Life Financial says it will take a charge on its Lehman investments totalling \$349 million

U.S. markets **Feds rescue AIG**



Journalists interview an American International Group employee outside AIG's world headquarters in New York yesterday. Shares fell 48 per cent yesterday, and the Federal Reserve later said it will loan AIG up to \$85 million to stave off bankruptcy.

Business in brief

RULING The Ontario Superior Court has ruled that Bell Canada Inc. improperly collected millions through its \$25 "administrative" fee imposed on satellite television customers paying more than two months late, and said it amounted to a criminal rate of interest. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SURPLUS Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says Canada will post a budget surplus in 2008-2009 of over \$3 billion due to strong government revenue.

EXPANSION Shoppers Drug Mart said it expects to add 50 new stores to its existing 1,100 over the next five years. REUTERS

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Carolina Hurricanes centre Rod Brind'Amour underwent successful surgery on his left knee yesterday. Brind'Amour, 38, had torn cartilage in his meniscus removed from the knee and is expected to be back in action for the start of the regular season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Schneider put on waivers

The Anaheim Ducks waived defenceman Mathieu Schneider yesterday. The move was made at 12 p.m. EDT, which means the remaining 29 NHL clubs have 24 hours to pick up the 39-year-old rearguard or his rights revert back to the Ducks. Schneider, left, recorded 12 goals and 39 points in 65 games last season.

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Petitclerc golden in Paralympic farewell

Canadian star claims fifth title in Beijing

She is rolling perfection; Canada's gold standard of the three-wheel set. So, how appropriate it was yesterday that, when Chantal Petitclerc finished the 1,500-metre wheelchair race in Beijing and ended her illustrious Paralympics career, she broke away from the pack to cross the finish line all alone.

After all, no one came close to her at these Paralympics, where she won five gold medals and set three world records. Few Canadians have entered her stratosphere as athletes or inspiring role models.

"When I saw I was on my own, it was like a bonus,"

What a haul!

• With five gold medals at this year's Paralympic Games in Beijing, wheelchair racer Chan-

the 38-year-old Montrealer said of the exclamation point on her career.

"It felt like a gift to finish it all alone."

Perhaps it was a repayment, a bit of payback for all that the effervescent yet relentlessly tough Petitclerc has given her sport and her country. As one of Canada's most decorated Paralympians, she has brought home 21 medals from five of these quadren-

tal Petitclerc retires with 21 medals in all and is the world record holder at four distances.

nial meets, a treasure-trove of excellence that includes 14 golds. Michael Edgson, a blind swimmer who lives in Delta, B.C., won 18 gold and three silver medals over three Games.

Petitclerc has also received many honours off the track and she annually receives consideration for the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's athlete of the year. Undoubtedly, she will again this year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Canada's Chantal Petitclerc celebrates as she crosses the finish line yesterday in the women's 1,500-metre T54 final at the Paralympic Games.

Bettman rips into KHL for Radulov move

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman can't hide his disdain for Russian hockey and the International Ice Hockey Federation for allowing Alexander Radulov to play in the Continental Hockey League (KHL).

"I don't think the way the KHL or the IIHF has handled the Radulov situation is either fair, appropriate or in good faith," Bettman said following the league's board of governors meeting. "That's the reason we have reservations about doing business with the KHL going forward."

Radulov is the rising hockey star who is playing for Salavat Yulaev Ufa of the Russian-backed KHL even though he has a valid contract with the Nashville Predators.

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16 sports



The Calgary Roughnecks signed goaltender Ryan Avery to a one-year deal yesterday. Terms were not disclosed. Avery, who stands 6-foot-1 and weighs 200 pounds, collected a win and a loss in 11 games played last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gloves come off for female sports fans

Upcoming book highlights women's appreciation and passion of all things big league



Women enjoy professional sports. They really, really

This is a generalization, I know, but it's a cold, hard fact if you believe what's written in a new book called GAMEFACE, The Kick-Ass Guide for Women Who Love Pro Sports.

Women "may not fill our brains with as many numbers as some male fans do," GAMEFACE says, "but we appreciate the intricacies of the game, understand its complexity and appreciate the larger implications of sports. We get it. Most of us just aren't quite as obsessive about it as some of our male counterparts."

So there. Women share our passion and co-authors Erica Boeke and Chris De Benedetti do their utmost to prove it in GAMEFACE. Clearly, they did their due diligence and dug up what they believe females need and want to know to augment their apparent affection for sports. And their New York-based publisher, Virgin Books (please, let that go) provided them with 348 pages in which to get their mission accomplished.

The writers are life-long sports fans who obviously live and breathe this stuff and are determined to share their knowledge with fellow females. They smother readers with mostly riveting information in quickhitting, easy-to-read fash-

"Sure," the book says, "women sports fans don't mind that there are some fine looking men in sports,



Passionate female fans, like these two Tampa Bay Rays boosters, abound in the world of pro sports.

and we loved posting the 'Would you rather shag Tom (Brady) or Eli (Manning)?' question to our friends during the weeks leading up to the 2008 Super Bowl ... But women also love players for their hearts, minds, characters and gravity-defying skills.'

GAMEFACE is laden with details about sex scandals, including a couple of old pitchers (Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich) swapping wives, and a one-night stand involving entertainer Madonna and ex-slugger Iose Canseco.

There are stories about

lousy national-anthem performances and athletes who tried to cross over into music, often embarrassing themselves.

The authors also discuss fashion in sports — raving, incidentally, about the old Montreal Expos' chapeaus, which they called

cool", and ripping the threads of the Denver Broncos, tennis player Rafael Nadal and sportscaster Craig Sager.

There's a nifty chapter on superstitions in sports, which describes not only the Curse of the Bambino (Babe Ruth) but also the Curse of Jessica Simpson.

The authors recount famous feuds, pranks and couples (NHLer Mike Comrie and singer Hilary Duff made the book). There also are stories about crime and drugs and cheating and ...

Yep, they cover all every woman (and man, for that matter) needs to know about the sports they love, and then some. The book doesn't hit shelves until October, but in the meantime, check out www.GoGame-Face.com.

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Blue Jays lose game, Marcum to arm injury

MLB Luke Scott homered and a run over two-plus inand Chris Waters hurled

nine scoreless innings to lead Baltimore over the Blue Jays 2-0 in the opener of a three-game set last night in Toronto.

Waters completed a contest for the first Waters time in his career,

scattering four hits while fanning three and walking

Shaun Marcum took the loss, charged with two hits nings before leaving the game with right

> forearm numbness. The Jays have dropped three straight games.

Rays 2 Red Sox 1 Dioner Navarro slugged a basesloaded hit in the bottom of the ninth

to lead the Tampa Bay Rays over Boston last night to reclaim the AL East lead by one game over the Red METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Infiniti thinks outside b

LORNE DRURY for Metro Canada

Every so often a vehicle comes along that doesn't fit in one of the standardized little compartments those in the automotive world like to refer to as segments.

One such example is Infiniti's new 2008 EX35, which the manufacturer describes as a "coupe-in-spired SUV," and many in the business would put in the small, but growing, compact luxury sport utility class.

That may be as good a way to put it as any because it sure is sporty, but many would argue with the utility part of the equation because the EX35 is

Infiniti's new 2008 EX35 is one of the new wave of compact luxury vehicles based on a car platform, in this case the G35 sedan.



far from what one is used to in a traditional sport utility vehicle.

That's because cargo volume is limited when the back seat is in use and the legroom in that backseat area is less than what you would find in most other SUVs.

If anything, I would put the EX35 in the crossover category because it is based on the same platform as the popular G35

But regardless of how you describe it or what segment it fits in, there is no denying the EX35 is one beautiful vehicle.

And because it is carbased, it handles like a sports sedan or coupe and

2008 Nissan Infiniti EX35

Type: Compact luxury SUV **Price:** \$50,050 Engine: 3.5L DOHC V6 **HP:** 297 hp

Highlights

- Great looks
- Handles like sport sedan

due to its size, is easy to manoeuvre in tight city driving.

In short, the perfect vehicle for those upscale suburbanites who want sporty looks, above-average performance and a touch of luxury in a smaller wagonstyle package.

Infiniti has also packed in a lot of interesting new technological goodies into the EX35, including the optional Lane Departure Prevention system Around View Monitor.

My tester was a loaded model with all the toys Infiniti offers in the EX35. It topped out at \$50,050 plus freight and PDI.

Not a vehicle for anyone light in the pocketbook, but one I would sure love in my driveway.

It is powered by the same 3.5-litre V6 engine that is in the G35 sedan. The engine produces 297 hp and is mated with a five-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode. The same allwheel drive system utilized in the 2008 M, FX and G Sedan is standard in the new EX35.



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Avant garde Audi

A6 blends excitement and practicality

PHILIPPE CROWE for Metro Canada

Are you looking for sports-car handling, "better than the pack performance," style that states right away that you are at the top taste-wise, and a touch of high-end luxury and technology? But you also want comfort and space to spare, as well as a practical aspect that can't be found in a sports car. But you want everything else from that

Your car has arrived! Let me introduce you to the Audi A6 Avant 3.2 S-

sports car.

The A6 is Audi's mid-size offering, slotted between the A4 and A8 ranges, and is tied to the family through shared styling cues. The contours of the shoulder line sweeping up and the movement of the dynamic line above the side sills give the entire body of the car a unique push in forward design. Seen from the front, the trapezoidal design of the single-frame radiator grille is the shared front fascia styling cue of Audi mod-

Avant identifies the station wagon version developed on the sedan's platform. Not the square wagon of your grandparents, but a very stylish, swoopy one.

Audi has just broken the sound barrier with an advanced new in-car entertainment system that offers exceptionally easy and intuitive control of iPods, MP3 players and

media heaven behind wheel

CDs, but actually doesn't need any of them. With its new integral hard

drive, the latest Audi Multi Media Interface (MMI) is capable of storing up to 4,000 tracks internally, more than enough even for long-haul trans-continental holiday journeys.

When MMI is combined with the optional Audi Music

The luggage compartment in the A6 Avant is as advanced as the rest of the vehicle. It employs two securing rails that are recessed into the floor. They are fitted with four sliding, adjustable, and lockable loadretaining lugs that can be used to secure items of almost any size. Also using these rails is a removable telescoping arm and a retractable cargo strap. Both of these items help to separate and secure items in the cargo area. The load floor itself can be folded and locked in a variety of positions to divide the cargo

The 3.2 identifies the size of the engine, a 3123cc V6 Interface, the driver can remotely control an iPod or other music storage device using the central MMI control knob with its new built-in joystick and the four logically arranged push buttons grouped around it.

Full track and title listings are displayed on the sophisticated in-dash screen, and tracks can be scrolled through and selected in much the same way as they are using the iPod itself, earning the system plenty of plaudits already for its clarity, accessibility and ease of navigation.

FSI with 255 hp and 243 ftlbs. of torque. FSI is Audi's direct injection technology. A direct injection engine delivers a more dynamic response with higher torque and power output, and lower fuel consumption. The main factor contributing to these improvements is how fuel is delivered. Fuel is not injected into the intake port, but directly into the combustion chamber.

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Disney moms

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Paddling underground

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On safari in the English countryside

EMMA E. FORREST Metro World News

You'll get a genuinely Out of Africa experience when you visit Livingstone Safari Lodge, set in the glorious countryside of Kent, England.

At the first African Safari Lodge in Europe you'll get to see endangered species, including black rhinos, giraffes, ostriches, wildebeests, blackbucks and antelopes — there are more than 300 animals roaming through the reserve adjacent to the zoo.

You might be trading your panorama of the plains of Africa for a view across the Channel to the coast of France, but the trip will cost you less than a vacation to southern Africa. Otherwise, everything is as it would be on a regular safari.

The experience starts



More than 300 exotic animals, some endangered, roam the grounds of Livingstone Safari Lodge in Kent, England.

with a "sundowner" aperitif on the terrace of your luxury safari tent overlooking the watering hole

where you can see animals close up.

Next up is a six-course authentic African dinner in the "lapa" hosted by a conservation work done by Zimbabwean ranger, who will teach you all about African wildlife and the

the park to protect and breed endangered species with the aim of returning

On the web

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them safely to their home-

You'll get a wake-up call and a coffee and croissants at dawn so you can set off in your safari 4x4 across the 100-acre African Experience reserve to catch the animals as they hunt for their first snack of the day.

You'll get your own, typically generous safari breakfast when you get back to the lodge, before setting off for the main park to meet the other animals inresidence, including tigers, snow and clouded leopards, red pandas, howler monkeys, black rhino, elephants and gorillas.

Smitten and surprised with Slovenia



usually get along. Expensive, predictable and overrun with tourists, central Europe is a part of the world my wandering spirit and wallet like to

I prepared for my trip to

Slovenia with a little research. Bordering Italy, Croatia, Hungary and Austria, the Republic of Slovenia gained independence from the former region of Yugoslavia in 1991. A population of 2 million, most of them Roman Catholic, Slovenia has its own language, but English is widely spoken.

Since it's officially in central Europe, I had to expect the usual: crowded attractions, octogenarian tour buses and an unforgiving Euro that kicks our currency's butt. Instead, I discovered Slovenia is a hidden gem. My trip start-

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ed in Ljubljana, a vibrant capital city that exists off the radar of most travellers. My days were spent touring the Old Town, and nights sipping local beer and debating with students about which one was better — Lasko or Union?

From Ljubljana, I traveled to Bled, a tiny community on the edge of Triglav National Park. Set against a backdrop of the snow capped Julian Alps, Bled "bleeds" medieval charm and romance. Visitors can take a boat tour to the church of St. Mary in the middle of the lake. From there, after walking up the



Bled is nestled in the foothills of Slovenia's Julian Alps.

99 steps to the top of the cathedral, tourists have a chance to make all their wishes come true. Legend has it that if you honor the Virgin Mary by ringing the church bell three times, your wish will be granted.

From trendy Ljubljana to the foothills of the Alps, I found myself completely

smitten with Slovenia. The landscape is gorgeous, the city streets squeaky clean and there is a Mediterranean vibe of sophistication, without the pretension — or price of other Euro countries.

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Rumer Willis to quest on CSI: NY

Entertainment

Hanks tribute

will pay tribute to actor Tom Hanks at its annual gala tribute on April 27, citing Hanks' talent of making "a good man

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No love for Myers' **Guru in India**

Leading Hingroups du urging are film bosses not to release Mike Myers' com-



edy flop The Mike Myers in Love Guru The Love Guru in India for

fear of riots on the streets, imdb.com reports.

Officials at the Universal Society of Hinduism, who spearheaded a Hindu boycott of the film in America, have joined with other leading groups to call for a nationwide ban on the movie, claiming funnyman Myers mocks the religion in the film.

McGregor mutes cancer news

PEOPLE Actor Ewan Mc-Gregor is playing down his recent "cancer scare," because his life



was not in McGregor question,

imdb.com reports. McGregor attempted to

deal with his basal cell carcinoma quietly, but word spread he was battling cancer. "It is scary when you hear

you've got cancer," he said. "I quickly discovered it's a very common and treatable condition. I would hate to say I had a cancer scare, because it's not fair to people who really have cancer

Metallica set to top U.S. chart

MUSIC Metallica's first album in five years will take the No. 1 slot on the U.S. pop chart when sales data are issued today, according to preliminary estimates, Reuters reports. Informed sources estimate Death Magnetic sold 450,000-500,000 copies across the United States during week ended Sept. 14.

In **brief**

MUSIC A planned covers album by the Who, to be produced by T-Bone Burnett, is on hold but still on the radar, according to Roger Daltrey, according to Reuters. He there's "no status" on the covers project because of Burnett's duties on the road with Robert Plant and Alison METRO NEWS SERVICES

Igor's monster mash-up

Animated Frankenstein spinoff blends new and old themes

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

From Kung Fu Panda to Wall-E to Star Wars: The Clone Wars. These days, computer-animated movies seem to hit theatres every other week. In such an oversaturated movie market, what will make Igor — a modern twist on the classic monster movie — stand

"I haven't seen anything like it but it reminded me of those old films I saw in the '60s and '70s," says the film's lead voice actor John Cusack during a recent interview in Los An-

out among the rest?

"Old movies that were around when the Beatles were doing Yellow Submarine. There was some strange animation back then.'

A spin-off of the classic story of Frankenstein, Igor — it hits theatres on Friday - does add a slightly gothic take on the now common family film. In-



Igor — a spinoff of the Frankenstein story — opens in theatres Friday.

tended to have a style unlike most animated features, director Tony Leondis has said that he wanted "the world to be a collage of the Middle Ages and gothic England with a touch of pop sixties."

"I love it because it's different than any other animated film we've seen in years," says Sean Hayes (from TV's Will & Grace) who provides the voice for the character of Brain — a brain in a jar. "It's got sharp edges and corners and it's not soft and flowv.

Where the look of the film lacks in, as Hayes describes, "flowiness," it does make up in a redeeming story. Igor (Cusack) is a slurring hunchback lab assistant who, with the help of Brain, builds his own monster named Eva (Molly Shannon).

Only this monster turns out to be anything but evil. Instead, she is a wholesome, aspiring actress with one gigantic arm and a heart of gold.

"I love that she was so sweet," says Shannon, most recognized for her work on Saturday Night Live. "She keeps to her dramatic studies, working on her voice and her body and (I like) how sweet and innocent she is.

"Now I'm a jaded old broad but when I first started acting, I was really like that," adds Shannon. "I couldn't believe I was in New York City, taking acting studies, having coffee and I was taking notes! It was such a fun time."

"I'm just starting this," jokes Hayes. "Now I'm taking notes. It took me a

Sun shining on Matthew Sweet

Alt-rock icon delivers eclectic mix on first solo album in four years



Matthew Sweet has a good thing going baby, as he might say.

The alt-rock icon who cut his teeth in the burgeoning Athens, Ga., scene — out of which came R.E.M. and the B-52s — has recently released Sunshine Lies, the latest in a low-profile but critically acclaimed canon that has spanned more than 20 years.

An eclectic collection of upbeat power-poppers set to melancholy narratives, mellotron-accented white noise and ballads that muse on retreats from personal pain — Sweet's work is notorious for it — Sunshine Lies been called a return to form by the press, and is

currently the toast of American indie record stores.

"It was about blissful, willful ignorance. I was trying to reconcile the hopelessness of everything," Sweet, now 43, says of the title track over the phone from his home recording studio in Los Angeles. "It was originally supposed to be called Rock Bottom, but I renamed it and then this psychedelic song grew out of the title. It was more 'out there,' which is what I liked.'

Long time coming for Sweet's first solo album in four years, though; He recorded Sunshine Lies over more than 18 months between collaborative projects, including a doublealbum of 1960s pop covers with ex-Bangle Susanna Hoffs, who also makes an



Matthew Sweet's latest disc, Sunshine Lies, came out last month.

appearance on Sunshine Lies (The pair incidentally, has begun work on a cover album of songs from the 1970s, one of them being Blue Oyster Cult's Don't Fear The Reaper).

"I did have it ready, but it

was too super-rock, and I didn't want it all as just one thing. So I moved to other stuff and I remixed it,' Sweet said. "Then the label told me, 'Deadline, deadline, deadline. Turn it in!"

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toast of American indie record stores. The LP version of the album, which features four bonus tracks and a CD version as well. came in at No. 2 on CIMS' (Coalition of Independent Music Stores) vinyl chart in early September. It's a trend he's seeing more at his gigs.

"I'm the king of vinyl," he laughs. "Probably not for long though. It's a growing story; the last show I did, people were buying up the vinyl version of the album."



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HBO going old, old school

HBO — THE NEW PBS?

There was a day when U.S. public television was known for its quality documentaries and period costume dramas — the latter usually imported from Britain — but every time I tune in these days they're either showing some dubious motivational speaker holding forth to an audience of retirees about either money or health, or in the middle a filmed concert featuring doo-wop or reconstituted classic rock bands performing for an audience of the same retirees who've had a chance to change from their sport jackets to those oversized, high-quality t-shirts that look like they're drycleaned.

Last weekend I was leapfrogging up the dial to the local PBS affiliate hoping at least for a rerun of As Time Goes By, only to be treated to the sexagenarian Troggs in the middle of Wild Thing, part of a night of garage and frat rock bands in front of the usual audience of semi-ecstatic grandparents. Not

just during fundraising drives but during the balance of the broadcasting year, PBS has become the house network of the AARP.

A stray spark leapt across the synapses this week when I read about the latest show to get greenlit by HBO. It's been fascinating watching the

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jewel in the crown of quality cable during these last few post-Sopranos/Sex And The City years, as it's been struggling to restore its vitality and reputation in the face of misfires and executive shakeups while one-time also-rans like Showtime, FX and AMC have stepped into the void they've left behind.

A massive new hit from HBO would not only be nice for them, it would be the uplifting last chapter to a story about how a commercial entity lost and then rediscovered its creative inspiration against all apparent odds.

That's a 5,000-word magazine story I'd love to read. HBO is going about reviving its mojo in a curious way; a historical miniseries about the largely unsung second president of the United States has been its most recent critical hit, and they've taken that as a cue and given the go-ahead to Manhunt, a new miniseries about the 12-day search for John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, in the days just following the end of the U.S. Civil War.

Manhunt will reunite David Simon, the creator of HBO's The Wire, with Tom Fontana, the man behind Oz, for the first time since Fontana turned a book Simon had written as a crime reporter in Baltimore into the NBC series Homicide. It was originally conceived as an action-oriented thriller featuring



U.S. TV network HBO has reportedly been in a creative funk since this scene from The Sopranos aired more than a year ago.

Harrison Ford as the cavalry officer who finally corners Booth. But the option on Ford ran out, according to a story in Broadcasting & Cable magazine, and Simon and Fontana decided to take the story in a less Jack Ryanesque direction. "I don't do action," said

One can't help but speculate how far HBO can go down this road — perhaps a real-time series about the decimation of Galveston, Texas by a hurricane in 1900 (complete with bludg-

eoning parallels to Katrina, and a groaning comparison of William McKinley to George W. Bush), or a sordid expose of the melodramatic goings-on in the Woodrow Wilson White House during World War One. HBO has about 20 years to kill, after all, until it can start airing concerts featuring reunited grunge bands.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Affleck back in director's chair?

MOVIES Ben Affleck is in negotiations to direct, rewrite and star in The Town, a dark heistromance hybrid.

The Warner Bros. project involves a high-tension love triangle between a female bank manager, a longtime thief who stole more than her heart and an equally smitten FBI agent trying to bust the crook and his gang before they can pull another big job. Affleck directed his similarly toned first film, Gone Baby Gone, last year. He won an Oscar in 1998 for writing Good Will Hunting with Matt Damon.

Rockwell, Corddry score roles

MOVIES Sam Rockwell and Rob Corddry are going back to school with teen actress Emma Roberts in the indie comedy The Winning Season.

Rockwell plays a hasbeen coach who is given a shot at redemption when he's asked to run the local high school's girls basketball team. Roberts is cast as a player he befriends, and Corddry will play the school's principal. REUTERS

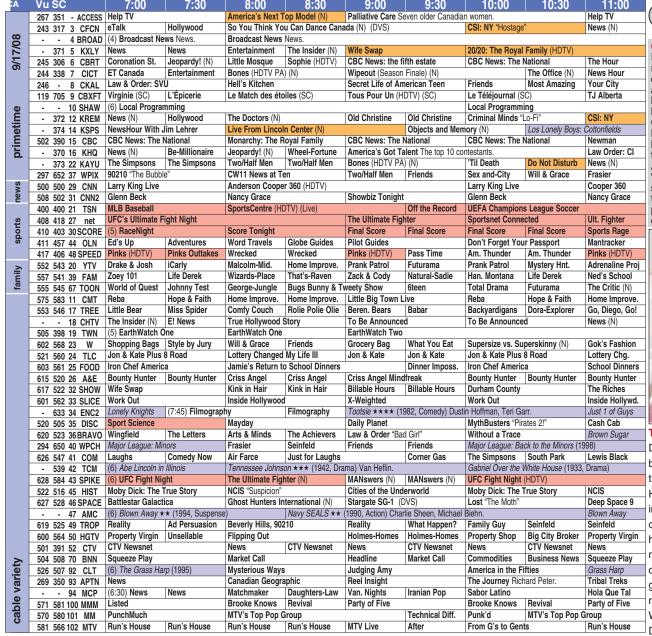
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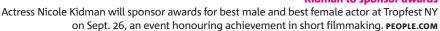
Gok's Fashion Fix

Even those who think fashion-related television is dull — who can afford those clothes, anyway, and what real person looks good in them? — will like this new series hosted by Gok Wan ("How to Look Good Naked"). He shows how to replicate designer looks for a fraction of the cost, while sidekick Alexa Chung stages humorous "road tests" of hot styles. Other segments include designer interviews and celebrity wardrobe prowls. Good times! 11 PM on W



he Riches

Depression isn't easy to cure, but Wayne (Eddie Izzard) is getting desperate, as Hugh's (Gregg Henry) mental state is threatening to scuttle the Bayou Hills deal. While trying to save Hugh, he's also forced to deal with more of Eden Falls' prominent citizens when Cael (Noel Fisher) gets into trouble at school. Minnie Driver and Shannon Marie Woodward also star in "Field of Dreams." 11 PM on SHOW





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Sienna fans outraged by 'affair'

ONLINE The fallout continues from actress Sienna Miller's romance with actor Balthazar Getty, MSN Entertainment reports.

Her biggest fan site, Sienna-Miller.org, has decided to pack it in because of her liaison with Getty, who, while still married, is no longer with his wife.

"We do not know the whole story behind this affair, and some may argue it is not our place to judge BUT when Sienna can cavort so publicly and so shamelessly with this man



goes out of the window," writes the webmaster. "One minute she says she wants to be taken seriously as an actress and she's sick of all the false stories about her in the press ... and the next she's topless on a beach with a married man's hands all over her - come on Sienna, you know the paparazzi are going to be around. If she was serious about being taken seriously, she would, well, not display herself so publicly like this."

Unless a suitable replacement is found, the site will soon close up shop

Victoria talks muse

CAREER Former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham has written a heartfelt letter about her fashion dreams coming true — and how husband David inspires her new men's line, People.com reports.

"This past year has been amazing, not only as a mother and wife but as the Creative Director of my label 'dVb by Victoria Beckham,'" Victoria, 34, writes on her website. "In just two years dVb has grown from a passionate idea into collections which

are stocked in

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top stores around the world — something I only used to dream of."

Fuelling her dream, as her label leaps the gender gap, is her spouse.

> The label grows as do," she writes. "Along with denim women's the dVb mens collection has just launched, better who than David to be my muse!"

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Thieves spare Moss' ring

CRIME Model Kate Moss is relieved a \$360,000 US ring was spared after vandals targeted her car, imdb.com reports.

The 34-year-old was stunned when thieves broke into her Range Rover outside her north London home, and feared her solitaire diamond ring had been stolen in the

But Moss was delighted to learn the vandals only retrieved \$18 and a box chocolates.

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Federline warns Paris

Allen excited about album **MUSIC** Lily Allen has

revealed that her new album is to be released on Feb. 9, the Daily Mirror reports.

"I am so excited, we're getting all the artwork and stuff done and coming up with new and interesting ideas," Allen posted on her Myspace blog about her latest offering. "I hope you'll all love



PEOPLE Kevin Federline has warned Paris Hilton to stay away from Britney Spears, femalefirst.co.uk re-

The dancer and rapper, who has two children with ex-wife Spears, told the hotel heiress to leave the singer alone because she does not need any bad

influences in her life. Federline reportedly told the socialite he does not want Spears to return to her troubled lifestyle

> for the sake of his children Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2. "It was quite a

chilling warning," a source told Britain's Daily Star newspaper. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rihanna's troubled childhood

PEOPLE Rihanna rarely gets drunk because she was taught the dangers of booze by her reportedly alcoholic father, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Barbados-born star recently revealed that childhood

blighted by her dad's alleged drink and drug problems, admitting that as a child she was often left to care for her younger brothers while her mother was at work.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

o it sounds like Victoria Beckham has finally revealed the secret of her design success. She says her famous footballer hubby, David, is her muse. Victoria ought to be careful about relying too much on her husband for design inspiration. All his ideas are bound to be so "footy-focussed" they may not be quite Project Runway worthy.

Allow me to do what I always do when I have no actual evidence to back up my thesis, and simply make up examples that I imagine may result.

Jewel Protection Pants are fashionable slacks with the interesting added feature: A pair of padded, crossed hands strategically sewn across the crotch. You'll never be ill-prepared for a surprise free kick again.

The Red Card is an attempt to bring back the classy jacket pocket puff, albeit in the form of a bright red which the dashing young dandy can pull out just like a referee anytime he wishes to banish an offending "player" from the dance floor.

Because no outfit is complete without footwear, Rooney Runners, named in honour of dynamic but frequently imbibing English player Wayne Rooney, are basic white sneaks with a twist. They're tastefully splattered in decorative fake vomit.

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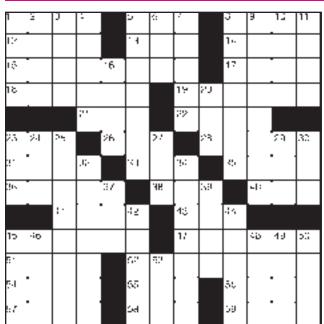






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Take Five



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Lone Ranger trademark

5 Tit for -

8 Big bothers

12 Killer whale

13 Miners' gathering 14 Unuttered "alas"

15 Muscle relaxant

17 Part of TLC 18 Wooden shoes

19 USNA freshmen

21 Lennon's love

22 One of the Jackson 5 23 Dancer Charisse

26 Help

28 Cockpit occupant

31 Raised platform 33 Prune

38 "A mouse!" 40 Weep

35 Farewell, in Florence 36 Make like Torvill and

Dean

41 Actress Sorvino

43 Have a bug

45 Snuck a look

47 Nap

51 Mortgage datum

52 Oblique

54 Microwave, e.g. 55 A billion years

56 Dines

57 Twerp

58 Trench

59 Being (Lat.)

Crossword down

1 1960s London subcultur-

2 Met melody

3 Wound cover

4 Buzzing instrument

5 It's turned when plowing

6 Coach Parseghian 7 Lure

8 Spartan

9 Fiendish

10 Shrek is one

11 "Take Her, — Mine"

16 Sicilian spouter

24 Tibetan beast

20 Back talk 23 LPs' successors 25 Twice the radius 27 Buck's mate

29 Rowing tool 30 Plaything

32 Wages

34 Lowly one 37 Before

39 Chess piece

42 Venomous viper

44 Detached

45 Pt. of speech

46 Roof overhang

48 Responsibility

49 Uses a ray gun 50 Otherwise

53 Debt notice

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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nder 13 minGenius 13-17 min.....Scholar

17-21 minSmart 21-25 minNot bad 25+ min.....Keep practising



Roast Vegetable and **Bean Stew**

This easy, one-pot dish of root vegetables and pinto beans makes a nourishing fall dinner and needs no accompaniments.

INGREDIENTS:

1 small acorn squash 1 lb (500 g) new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks

2 carrots, cut into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks

2 parsnips, cut into 1-1/2-in.

(4-cm) chunks 2 large zucchini, cut into

1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks

2 tsp (10 mL) olive oil 1 garlic clove, finely chopped 4 large sprigs of fresh

rosemary, plus extra sprigs to garnish 2 cans (19 oz/540 mL) pinto

beans, drained and rinsed 1 cup (250 mL) apple cider 1 cup (250 mL) hot low-sodium

vegetable broth Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to $400^{\circ}F$ (200°C). Halve the squash and remove the seeds, then peel the skin and cut the flesh into 1-1/2-in. (4-cm) chunks. 2. Put the squash in a bowl and add the potatoes, carrots, parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle the olive oil over the vegetables and toss to coat evenly. Stir in the garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.

3. Lay the rosemary sprigs on the bottom of a large roasting pan and spread the vegetables on top in a single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.

4. Remove from the oven and stir in the pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover the pan tightly with foil, then return to the oven and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove the rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs. SERVES 6

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Horoscopes

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 You can conquer restrictions

without a struggle. A stroke of luck leads to success. Someone doesn't understand your opin-

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Request help from ruthless people. Surprise a friend with a thoughtful remark. Don't get carried away with a stranger.

APRIL 21-MAY 21

An important letter becomes a son.

You should expect affection over a self-righteous loser.

TAURUS

vexation. A trumped-up story creates intolerance. Define your standards for a sad per-

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

from a youthful person. Trust your feelings when you have complaints. Friendliness wins

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Rearrange your expectations of authority. An amiable man jogs your memory. Someone plays second fiddle to a lazybones.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Try to wipe away your doubts. You'll be celebrating an excellent prospect. A friend's strange remarks will unnerve

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A disagreement about privileges leads to changes. Get the facts straight or you'll make pathetic mistakes. Trust that things can be done quickly.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Don't refuse to admit overhearing a conversation. Someone is teasing a wishy-washy guy. A secret rendezvous will take its

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A challenge results from a misunderstanding. Inspiration finds you some noisy supporters. You'll have a hair-raising adventure.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

Start the ball rolling, because success is nigh. A man in despair talks of world weariness. Someone's feelings are made of balsa wood.

AUG 24-SEPT 22

VIRGO

Try to get concessions from a virtuous person. Don't waste time or money. A failure can be a source of pleasure.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20

You know more than you're letting on about something. A confident person will contribute staying power. A dreamer comes out in the open.

This day in history

SEPT. 17, 1630: The city of Boston, Massachusetts, is founded. SEPT. 17, 1787: The United States Constitution is signed in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. SEPT. 17, 1814: Francis Scott Key finishes his The Star-Spangled Banner poem. SEPT. 17, 1908: The Wright Flyer flown by Orville Wright, with

Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge as passenger, crashes; killing Selfridge. He becomes the first airplane fatality.

SEPT. 17, 1956: Television was first broadcast in Australia. SEPT. 17, 1976: The first Space Shuttle, Enterprise, was unveiled by NASA.

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"I stopped <u>hoovering</u> those high-fat fees. <u>Hoorah!</u>"





Good call







